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We will continue the interesting life history of Iturbide in the next issue of TNA NEWS, plus much more.

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REMEMBER The of September is the deadline for the October issue

LLOYD C. COLVIN

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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Still hearing nice remarks on TNA's Fort Worth convention. Hope some of those kind remarks are conveyed by letter to our fine Fort Worth folks. The key ingredients to an outstanding convention are personnel, and the right ones, plus that one word - work! Fort Worth club members worked and used outstanding personnel.

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TNA is fortunate to have Eleanor Kennady as its secretary. There is a lot of hidden work in this job, and Eleanor has done an outstanding job.

Also plaudits should be given to our **TNA NEWS** editor, Miriam Gilmore. Although she moved to San Antonio and was involved with all those details, **TNA NEWS** was still put together and sent to our members. Now, that's work!

Our TNA Memorial Library has been moved to Fort Worth and Elleta Havens is our new librarian. Several hours of work need to be done, and then it will be in full operation. Thanks to Luke's for their acceptance of all this material where it is temporarily stored. More details soon.

TNA's former 1st vice president, Marvin Currie, has been ill. We wish him a very speedy recovery.

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Well, summer has arrived and most folks are busy in their yards, playing with the fish or just basking in the sun. Coin shows are fewer and generally this is a good time to visit your local coin dealer and purchase that needed coin for your collection. Texas is indeed fortunate to have so many outstanding coin dealers. They help TNA - let's help them!

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Correspondence was very light this last month. Surely, someone has something going on that's different or unusual. Let your president know. I'll pass it on to all our members.

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We need to constatly be on the alert for prospective members. Talk coins - talk TNA. Have a beautiful month.

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(The following is the first part of the talk given by Senor Miguel L. Munoz at the TNA educational forum. TNA NEWS will continue the talk in the next few issues. - Editor.)

THE MEXICAN EMPIRE OF DON AUGUSTIN DE ITURBIDE 1822 - 1823

Miguel L. Munoz, NLG
Mexico City, Mexico

For the man in the street the Mexican Empire of Don Agustin de Iturbide is just a bit of Mexican history. For the numismatist it's a historical episode that concerns several countries, including the United States and those of Central America.

The limits of "the first empire" - as collectors of this series call it - are not well defined. However, we know that it consisted of what are today the states of California, Nevada, Utah, Arizona, New Mexico, Texas and parts of Wyoming, Colorado, Oklahoma and Kansas; plus present-day Mexico as well as Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua and Costa Rica. This was the full extent of the ill-fated and short-lived Mexican Empire of Don Agustin de Iturbide.

Numismatists know that he was responsible for beautiful decorations, Medals, gold and silver coins and even paper money. But, how and why did Iturbide become Emperor of Mexico?

Before delving into the subject, it is convenient that we take a quick look at the contemporary political situation of this continent and that of Europe. The last quarter of the 18th century brought two important historical events: American Independence and the French Revolution. Both events had one common ideal: LIBERTY. The "Overseas Provinces" - Provincias de Ultramar - as the Spanish possessions were called, (Spain never used the word "colony" for her possessions) were conscious of these social changes. The invasion of Spain by Napoleon's armies, the abdication of Carlos IV; and the kidnapping of Fernando VII at Bayonne, France, made all the Spanish Provinces of America still more restless.

There is still another point. During the Spanish Domination the Spaniards in Mexico were called "europeos" or "peninsulares" while the Mexican - born were referred to as "criollos" or "americanos." The Spanish authorities, naturally, had a preference for the "europeos" over the "americanos." This discrimination caused constant friction which by 1810 it had reached to dangerous levels. The boiler was ready to explode. Due to this situation, some historians have said that the conquest of Mexico was made by the indians and Mexican independence by the Spanish.

In 1808 an attempt at independence of New Spain forced the Viceroy Don Jose de Iturrigaray out of office in Mexico City. This uprising was suffocated; but two years later, Sept. 16, 1810, the priest of the town of Dolores, Don Miguel Hidalgo y Costilla, along with the Royal Army officers Allende, Aldama, etc. started the Independence of Mexico with what we Mexicans call; "Grito de Dolores" - Cry of

Liberty. All these heroes were executed, but others followed and the struggle for liberty was carried on.

After ten long years of bloody civil war that had considerably reduced agriculture, mining and all trade activities, people on both sides were indeed tired of fighting. Both sides shared the mutual desire to become independent. By 1820 things had simmered down except in the South where General Vicente Guerrero led the Insurgents in what is now the State of Guerrero. The Royal Army of the South was headed by General Armijo who resigned his post due to bad health. Viceroy Don Juan Ruiz de Apodaca, appointed Colonel Agustin de Iturbide, who had been for some time on leave of absence enjoying the life of a country gentleman at his hacienda near the capital.

Iturbide, then 37 years old, was a handsome 5 feet 10 inches tall athlete, with light brown hair, blue eyes, good manners, clean cut, with an outstanding personality. He was an excellent horseman. His full name was AUGSTIN COSME DAMIAN DE ITURBIDE Y ARAMBURU. He was born at Valladolid, now Morelia, Sept. 27, 1783 from a well-to-do Spanish gentleman and a Mexican-born lady of Spanish descent. He spent his early youth at his father's Hacienda de Quirio, near Morelia, where he grew up strong and husky and developed his outstanding horsemanship. His good horsemanship was to cost him his life.

In those days there were two main careers for a young man to follow: the Church and the Army; so he was trained for both in the Colegio de San Nicolas, the same school that Hidalgo and other Independence heroes had attended. When he reached 14 he decided to be a soldier and joined the Royal Army as "alferez" - lieutenant - of the Valladolid Provincial Regiment of Infantry. Soon he was well known for his leadership, courage and bravery that several times reached cruelty. He was quickly promoted to captain and eventually to colonel.

On Feb. 27, 1805 - when he was 27 he married a Valladolid young lady, Ana Maria Huarte Muniz, also of Spanish descent. They produced five children, four boys and a girl. One of Iturbide's grandsons was adopted 50 years later by Maximiliano and Carlota as crown-prince-to-be of the also ill-fated Mexican Second Empire.

As an officer of the Provincial Regiment he received no salary and had to pay his own expenses and provide for his soldiers as well. He was too keen on this last obligation. To make ends meet, he used, several times, his post as commander of the Army of the North in the Province of Guanajuato and Michoacan for his commercial activities. Naturally, this brought him many enemies - a priest called Labarrieta among them. They complained to the authorities and commander Iturbide was called to the capital for investigation; but he was cleared and offered back his post with full rights. However, he preferred to lead the civilian life of a retired officer and rented from the Crown the Hacienda de la Compania in Chalco, near Mexico City.

The Catholic Church that, at the beginning of Independence was against the Insurgents, had also changed to

favor this cause. Near La Profesa, a church still standing in downtown Mexico City, there secret meetings led by Canonigo - priest - Matias Monteagudo. Iturbide was invited to these meetings and soon was involved in the spirit of this group. It was then when he was called by Viceroy Apodaca to take command of the Army of the South.

After a long conference - private - Iturbide was appointed Commander in Chief of the Royal Army of the South, with full powers to bring about peace and order in the country. Iturbide was given all he requested, such as troops, ammunition, money, etc. He headed South to meet the enemy. He was not successful in war; so he changed his tactics to politics inviting General Guerrero for a conference. After a bit of haggling Guerrero accepted and met Iturbide who convinced him that both sides wanted peace. They signed on Feb. 24, 1821 at the town of Iguala, a treaty known as the PLAN DE IGUALA, supported by the EFERCITO DE LAS TRES GARANTIAS - Army of the Three Guarantees - which were: INDEPENDENCE (from Spain); RELIGION (Catholic); and UNION (of all Spanish and Mexican people). Thus, both parties became one. A three color flag was devised symbolizing the TRES GARANTIAS - Three Guarántees. The white for religion; the green for independence and the red for union. Allegiance to this flag was sworn on Mar. 5, 1821 by all officers and all troops present. After this had been done, Iturbide offered this combined army to Viceroy Apodaca who, not only refused it, but censored Iturbide's procedure. Therefore, Iturbide made his offer on Mar. 6, direct to King Fernando VII before heading for the "bajio" in central Mexico where several Royal officers and their troops had followed suit and began joining his increasing army of the Three Guarantees, also named "Ejercito Trigarante." More and more towns and villages in the country began proclaiming independence.

To be continued

TNA MEMBER PARTICIPATES IN GUATEMALA EXHIBITION

It seems that TNA is well and functioning south of the border. We recently received the news that TNA member #3798, Prof. Roberto Vasquez De Paz, who resides in Zacapa, Guatemala was one of the participants in a combination numismatic and philatelic exhibition.

The Lions Club of Zacapa presented the II Numismatic and Philatelic Exhibition and Prof. Vasquez took third place in numismatics with an exhibit of ancient coins and second place in philatelics with an exhibit of Red Cross stamps of Guatemala.

The most note worthy of this is that Prof. Vasquez was novice in both fields and there was "no coaching from the audience." His entire background in exhibiting was his attendance of the TNA convention in 1980 and ANA in 1981. He did pay particular attention to the exhibits and put this knowledge to work to win both fields.

Austria is issuing four silver coins commemorating the 500th anniversary of printing in Austria and other historical themes.

(The following are excerpts from a talk given by Margo Russell, Coin World editor, at the TNA convention in Fort Worth - Editor.)

AS THE EAGLE FLIES

"This is the 200th centennial of the Great Seal of the United States - so closely linked to numismatics - and it is the Bicentennial year of the American bald eagle," Mrs. Russell said in her opening remarks. "On June 20, 1782, the bald eagle became our nation's symbol and national bird."

"The artist who drew the first device of the Great Seal of the United States adopted the bald eagle. But this was most distasteful to Benjamin Franklin," Mrs. Russell continued.

She said, "In a letter written to his daughter, Mrs. Sarah Bache, from Passy, France, dated Jan. 26, 1784, Franklin said the bald eagle is a bird of bad moral character; he does not get his living honestly; you may have seen him perched on some dead tree, where, too lazy to fish for himself, he watches the labor of the fishing hawk; and when that diligent bird has at length taken a fish, and is bearing it to his nest for the support of his mate and young ones, the bald eagle pursues him, and takes it from him..." Franklin also referred to the bald eagle as a rank coward and not a proper emblem for America. He much preferred the turkey.

"Of course, we all know the eagle won - and it appears on our coins and paper money," Mrs. Russell said.

She asked her audience to follow along with her in describing the symbols on the back of the $1 Federal Reserve notes. There the Great Seal of the United States appears.

Mrs. Russell continued. "The Great Seal is the symbol of our nation's sovereignty - a word being used often these days in the Falkland Island crisis. The Secretary of State is its custodian. It authenticates the President's signature on various acts of our government.

"The design constitutes our nation's coat of arms, and its official uses include buttons on military uniforms, to plaques above entrances of U.S. embassies and consulates.

"Most of the details of the design are symbolic, union of the States through Congress, the qualities of purity, valor, vigilance, perseverance and justice; the dedication to peace; the capacity for self-defense - all find expression in this device.

"The design is the product of numerous minds and hands belonging to some of the most illustrious of our Founding Fathers, and it represents the ideas and idealism of the stirring days of our War of Independence."

Mrs. Russell concluded her talk with color slides of coins, various styles of eagles, Great Seal medals, and other examples relating to the subject.

In 1971, when the United States stopped exchanging gold for dollars, the last connection between the monetary realm and the real economy was broken, and the world has suffered from disordered money ever since.

THE STORY BEHIND THE COIN

Lee Grossman,
San Antonio, Tx.

CZAR NICHOLAS I · His Coins Are An Important Part of Numismatic History

In 1796, in the city of Tsarskoye Selo (now called Pushkin), a baby boy named Nicolai Pavlovich was born. He was the third son to be born to Czar Paul I of Russia.

It wasn't until 1825 that upon the death of his eldest brother, Czar Alexander I, and the abdication of his other brother, Constantine, because of a non-royal marriage, Nicolai assumed the throne as Czar Nicholas I.

His domestic policy was autocratic and his foreign policy agressive. He waged war successfully against Persia from 1826 to 1828, and Turkey in 1828 and 1829. During 1830 and 1831, Nicholas crushed Polish revolts against Russian authority, and abolished the Polish constitution.

In 1849, he aided Austria in the suppression of uprisings in Hungary. However, his schemes to add more Turkish territory to his domain led to the Russian defeat in the Crimean War. He died in 1855, and was succeeded by Alexander II.

Not a very impressive story, is it? Not much different than hundreds of other rulers, is it? So - why the story?

Well, it was because one innovation in the reign of Nicholas I was the introduction in 1828 of a coinage in Siberian PLATINUM!

The series consisted of pieces in the value of three, six and twelve rubles, and had, as the obverse, the Russian eagle with the triple crown; on its breast was the shield of St. George, and on its wings, the arms of the six provinces. The reverse simply stated the value. Similar types were adopted for the gold and silver rubles also.

Copper coinage was issued from 1826 to 1855 in 1/4, 1/2, 1, 2, 3, 5 and 10 kopeks. Only the 10 kopeks issued from 1830 to 1839 are in the $50 range in XF condition.

Silver coinage was issued in 5, 10, 20, 25 kopeks, and 1/4, 1/2 and 1 ruble, from 1826 to 1855. The rubles are expensive, with the 1 ruble of 1834 and 1839 very scarce, and about $750 in XF condition. They are in .868 fine silver.

Gold coinage was only minted in 5 ruble from 1826 to 1855, in .917 fine. The platinum coinage was issued from 1829 to 1845.

The gold and platinum coins are scarce and extremely expensive, especially at this time. Uncirculated platinum 12 rubles were priced at $10,000 each in the Krause/Mishler 1979 catalog.

And that is the story. An ordinary 19th century emperor becomes a numismatic cornerstone with the first platinum coinage in modern times.

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The simple eleven line program can be easily expanded or incorporated into a longer, more complicated program depending on the needs of the user

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1   CLS
10  INPUT "ENTER SILVER PRICE PER
    OUNCE" SP
20  GM=SP/31.1035
30  DW=SP/20
35  PRINT SP "PER OUNCE IS "GM"
    PER GRAM, OR "DW" PER
    PENNYWEIGHT"
40  PRINT:PRINT
50  INPUT "WHAT IS THE WEIGHT
    (GRAMS)? " W
60  INPUT "WHAT IS THE FINENESS?"
    F
70  P=(W*F)*GM
80  PRINT:PRINT
90  PRINT "INTRINSIC VALUE IS $" P
100 END
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On June 30, 1969, a young couple waltzed down the church aisle, wedding music playing softly in the background, and solemnly promised to be a team for the rest of their happy lives.

They're still that happy team but instead of a church aisle, they're waltzing down the aisles of conventions, flea shows, conventions, flea markets, antique shops and museums.

Let's get acquainted with that team - Frank and Karla Galindo of San Antonio.

Collecting since he was a youngster, Frank's interest in addition to coins, medals, tokens (anything numismatic) spreads from World War I and II items to western cowboy movie star memorabilia. Frank and Karla (she started collecting to keep in step with Frank) travel many miles on many weekends and many vacations seeking WWI Liberty Loan Bonds, WWII World Bonds, Lusitania, Lindbergh, Larkin soap memorabilia, WWI and II ration and shortage tokens, tickets, etc. National Recovery Administration items - the list is long but if there's a name for it, they collect it!

Frank has been employed at Kelly Air Force 15 years and this spring advanced to Audio-Visual Quality Assurance Evaluator in the Graphics Dept. He attended San Antonio College, Trinity University in San Antonio, and Southwest Texas State in San Marcos receiving degrees in art and management. The Texas International Guard has commanded Frank's attention for two decades and prior to joining the Guard, served in the Reserves for two years.

Karla came from the southeastern city of Beaumont to begin her teaching career at South San Antonio schools. She's been at Harlandale High for ten years teaching her favorite subjects - government and world history - and she is adored by her students.

A teenage dream of teaching overseas at military bases ended when Karla teamed with Frank. She was one of 20 young girls in a singing group entertaining families at U.S. and overseas military bases under the auspices of the U.S. Defense Department. The group visited Greenland, Japan, Korea, Europe - 23 countries total. She stayed busy in school and studied voice, dancing and modeling. After high school graduation and then college, Karla decided to enter the teaching field which would give her an opportunity to continue her traveling

by going overseas to teach. She accepted her first job in San Antonio to gain experience and that was the end of traveling - she met Frank. However, they did spend their honeymoon in the Carribean.

Togetherness describes Frank and Karla and both are dedicated to their hobbies and professions. They're together in coin clubs - Gateway (Frank is past president, Karla former secretary and keeps the club scrapbook) and Alamo Clubs of S.A., Society of Ration Token Collectors (Frank is immediate past president), Maximilian Numismatic & Historical Society (Frank is on the Board), ANA (attending all the conventions), TNA (Frank is District 7 governor, Karla ANA representative) and other hobby and civic organizations too numerous to list. They combine their talent (art) an knowledge (world history) to exhibit at all TNA and ANA conventions winning many honors. Their trophy case is overflowing.

TNA is very lucky to have Frank's artistic talent available - he designed the 1980 (Sam Houston) and 1982 (Livestock Exchange) TNA medals. His love of art is a gift and he has given that gift to TNA.

Frank was honored for the year 1980 with the Lewis Reagan Memorial award having done the most to promote numismatics in Texas and a K. K. Tidwell Literary honorable mention in appreciation for article published in the April 1981 issue of TNA NEWS entitled "The Lusitania Medal - A Tribute to Tragedy."

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As you receive this edition of the TNA NEWS, the ANA convention in Boston will be in progress. There will be a number of firsts at this convention, one of which will be an expanded "Little Theatre." Begun last year on a small scale, this year the "Little Theatre" will be bigger and better. The educational features will include a wider variety of topics of numismatic interest. Convention-goers will have the opportunity to learn more about such topics as early American coinage and paper money, tokens, checks, Israeli coinage, Stock Certificates, encased postage stamps, wooden money, and many more. Attending these programs provides a chance for the numismatist to enhance his knowledge in many specific fields of collecting by spending just a few minutes in the "Little Theatre."

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This summer marked a milestone ANA event - the dedication of the new addition to the ANA headquarters building! A colorful ceremony officially opened the 12,000 square-foot addition. Numismatists visiting the ANA complex will find many new exhibits and facilities available to them. Should your future travels take you to the Colorado area, the ANA headquarters should be a must on your list of things to see.

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On June 10, the ANA Headquarters Bldg. was dedicated after months of work and effort on the part of many ANA members. The building is quite adequate for the administration office, the library, the museum and the ANA Authentification Service.

There is still a need for contributions to provide the proper furnishings. If you, as a member or club as a member of ANA, have not made your contribution, please do so. The ANA clubs have not responded as should be expected.

On June 11, the annual round-table was held. Most of the discussion was in regard to the numerical vs. the adjective for grading coins. There seems to be agreement that most of the problem is in the uncirculated grades. If you have a preference write to Adna Wilde, ANA president, or write to me and I will convey your wish when I attend the ANA convention in August.

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Numerous people who did not attend our convention in Fort Worth this year have told me that all reports from those who did attend were favorable. Most of those commenting were from out of state.

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I had the pleasure of meeting Mrs. Lewis Reagan. She was not aware of our TNA award being named in honor of her late husband. She was definitely delighted

GOLD IN THE BAY?

Charles Hubbard, engineer, claims there are about 100,000 tons of gold in the silt and mud in San Francisco Bay, washed down the Sacramento River from mining operations in the Sierra Nevada Mountains many years ago.

Although it is not economically feasible to extract the gold alone, Hubbard says there also are heavy concentrations of other metals such as magnesium, copper, lead, mercury and chromium that would make a mining operation worthwhile. Hubbard has staked out a 160-acre claim in the bay.

He is building wiremesh domes, 30 X 60 ft., that will be charged with electricity in order to attract metals from the silt bottom

When the operation is in full swing, it will be processing at least a ton of processed material a month, he says. Hubbard is building special wind towers on floating platforms to generate electricity for the project

from the 2nd vice president

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Now that the 1982 TNA convention is history it is back to the drawing board with some of the projects that I have had in mind for some time now. I am of the same opinion that a part of every successful show is the exhibits. As an exhibitor in the 1981 show in Dallas, I was less than happy with the way in which the judging was conducted. Much of the same method was used in the convention in Fort Worth. When only one judge is used to judge a category the same judge must be used in all categories. One judge may judge harshly while another may be more lenient. When two or more exhibits are close this will cost the better of the two the top honors or it will give the slightly inferior top spot.

We must have more than a single judge in the categories in order to have a fair outcome. At this point I would like for all the governors to combine their efforts in the contacting of all qualified collectors who would be willing to give of their time and knowledge at the TNA convention. We need good judges in every field, at least three who are willing and able to work for TNA. I have already gained the firm support of one of our governors, Nela Runkle, District 11. She has the names of several collectors who would make good judges. However, she states that there must be some changes made in the judging before she will forward those names to me. I fully agree the need is there. In fact, I am strongly considering refusing to exhibit or judge if only a single judge can be found. I was just as disappointed in this year's judging as the sole judge as I was as an exhibitor who was judged by a single judge.

Let's get together on this problem and get it ironed out before Corpus Christi in '83. Get the names to me and I'll do or die trying to get a good panel of judges for TNA.

Next month I am going to start trying to get many more new juniors. Again, I must say I have some help and again it is from District 11. Say, do we have only Amarillo in Texas?

Greece commemorated the 13th European Athletic Games to be held at Athens by two successful gold coinages, with a distinguished representation of Zeus featured on one coin and a stylized image of the winged Agon, Greek god of competitions on the other.

from the secretary

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4255 (D-6) Terry Burke, 10011 Hanka #14, Houston, TX. 770B0. Peace Dollars. Bill Mark.

VIP Award

John C. Face - Bourse Chairman-1983 T.N.A Convention Corpus Christi

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CHINA ISSUES PIEFORTS

The People's Republic of China issued gold and silver proof pieforts commemorating the International Year of the Child. The coins continue the tradition established when the first pieforts were struck in the 12th century as standards of quality for regular coins. Pieforts (the word comes from the French and means "heavy measure") are the most time-honored of prestigious coins. Apart from the rarity that gives pieforts a certain uniqueness, their weight and appearance adds to the appeal. Mints strike pieforts on double-thick coin blanks. Pieforts are twice as thick as regular precious metal proof coins and contain twice as much bullion.

The design of the 450 Yuan gold and 35 Yuan silver pieforts are the same. The obverse bears the name and national emblem of the People's Republic of China, decorated with peonies to illustrate China's thriving and prosperous life. The reverse features a Chinese boy and girl tending a flower. The coins were struck by the China Mint Company.

from the treasurer

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Stanford M. Kennady

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Balance on hand as of May 31, 1982			5,160.38
RECEIPTS:			
TNA Dues		310.00	
TNA NEWS Ads		126.00	
Purchase of Lapel Pins		566.50	
Dallas Coin Club - refund due dealer from 1981 Convention		50.00	
Donations to Mini-TNA NEWS		22.50	
Sale of 1982 Medals		1,079.61	
Rental of Display Cases		1,660.00	
Interest earned on checking account		7.80	3,822.41
			8,982.79
DISBURSEMENTS:			
TNA Secretary - May payment		150.00	
TNA Secretary - Postage and Petty Cash		183.98	
TNA NEWS Editor - June travel allowance & May petty cash		193.78	
Howard W. Luke - advance on lapel pins & 1983 medals		3,802.50	
Central Forwarding, Inc. - Case handling		50.46	
Banner Printing Company		1,881.09	
May Issue - 1,375 copies	1,173.75		
Handling	75.00		
Postage	155.34		
Mini-TNA NEWS	477.00		
Waxahachie Glass Co. - Repair to 3 cases		45.75	6,307.56
			2,675.23
Balance on hand as of June 30, 1982			2,675.23
© Operating Funds			2,569.34 ©
© Encumbered Funds			105.89 ©

NOTE: The following funds cannot be used for anything except the purposes for

which they are encumbered. The balance above includes these funds except as noted below

TNA Memorial Library Fund as of June 30, 1982	105.89
TNA Membership Savings Account as of May 31, 1982	4,908.54
Accrued Interest	61.86
Life Membership Savings Account as of June 30, 1982	4,970.40
TNA NEWS Certificate of Deposit as of June 30, 1982	4,036.50
Certificate of Deposit as of May 31, 1982	1,619.44
Accrued Interest	64.29
Certificate of Deposit as of June 30, 1982	1,683.73
TOTAL ASSETS	13,365.86

BISON ON CANADA DOLLAR

Each year the Royal Canadian Mint commemorates a major Canadian historical event or theme with the issuance of a commemorative silver dollar. This year's silver dollar shows a bison's skull, the Saskatchewan legislative building in the background, and the words "CANADA. DOLLAR. 1882-1982. REGINA." It commemorates the centennial of the City of Regina and symbolizes an interesting story about the city's history.

According to the Royal Canadian Mint, "Before wheat and before oil, there was the bison. The bison was the Indians' major source of food, clothing and shelter and, to some extent, their utensils and weapons. After the kill, the bones were heaped into a pile that reached 6 feet in height and some 40 feet in diameter. The Indians believed that the passing herds would be attracted to the burial ground of their brothers, thus ensuring an ever plentiful hunt." The settlement where Regina is located was called, "Pile O'Bones" until 1882 when the Canadian Pacific Railway stretched its iron ribbon into the settlement, and "Pile O'Bones" was renamed Regina in honor of Queen Victoria.

The commemorative dollar is 50% pure silver, measures 36.07mm in diameter, weight 23.33 grams, and may be obtained for $15 in Canadian funds from the Royal Canadian Mint, Box 457, Station A, Ottawa, Ontario K1N 8V5, Canada

THE STORY BEHIND THE COIN —

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ANDORRA SOVEREIGN

Andorra, in 1981, issued a gold sovereign which is equal to 7,000 pesetas. The obverse shows a portrait of Bishop Juan Marti of Urgel, who, with the President of France, is co-prince of Andorra. The crowned quarter arms of Andorra are on the reverse. Names and titles are in Latin.

The coin was struck by Stefano Johnson S.p.A., in Milano, Italy.

EVENTS CALENDAR

AUGUST 12 15

RED EAGLE COINS, coin show, Dunfey Dallas Hotel, 3800 W. Northwest Hiway, Dallas. **BOURSE**: Dwyane Frost, 5563 W. Lover's Lane Dallas 75209

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AUGUST 14 - 15

NOLAN COUNTY COIN CLUB, Wildcat Show, Nolan County Coliseum Annex, Sweetwater **WRITE**: Club, Box 1506, Sweetwater 79556. Phone Herman Nations 915/236-6146.

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AUGUST 16-22

AMERICAN NUMISMATIC ASSN., 91st anniversary convention, Hynes Memorial Auditorium & Sheraton Boston Hotel, Boston Mass

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AUGUST 27-29

FORT WORTH SUMMER COIN & STAMP SHOW, 11th annual, Kahler Green Oaks Inn, 6901 West Freeway **BOURSE**: Joe Wade, 6420 Diamond Loch, Fort Worth 76118.

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AUGUST 28-29

ODESSA COIN CLUB, annual show, Holiday Inn. **WRITE**: August H Ganze Jr., 3842 E. Everglade, Odessa 79762.

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AUGUST 28-29

ARK - LA - TEX COIN EXPOSITION, Shreveport Coin Club, Convention Center, 500 Fant Parkway. **BOURSE**: John Neblett, Box 492, Shreveport, La 71162.

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SEPTEMBER 11-12

SAN ANGELO COIN CLUB, annual show. **WRITE**: Club, Box 2414, San Angelo 76901

SEPTEMBER 10-12

NEW MEXICO COIN DEALERS ASSN, 3rd annual coin show, Albuquerque Convention Center, 300 2nd N.W **BOURSE**: Paul C. Lisle, Box 3622, Albuquerque, N.M 87109.

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SEPTEMBER 11-12

GREATER BEAUMONT COIN CLUB, annual show. Beaumont Civic Center. **WRITE**: Jerry Williams, 2645 North St., Beaumont 77702

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SEPTEMBER 18-19

ROSE CITY COIN CLUB, 3rd annual show Harvey Hall, Tyler. **WRITE**: T.J. Bennington, P.O. Box 4900 Dept. 1026, Tyler 75712.

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SEPTEMBER 19

BEEVILLE COIN CLUB, 15th annual show. Bee County College Student Center **WRITE**: Club, Box 209, Beeville 78102.

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NOVEMBER 5-7

SPANISH TRAIL COLLECTOR'S CLUB, coin, banknote & stamp show, Mid City Holiday Inn, 4800 Gateway East, El Paso. **WRITE**: Frank Fox, 8108 Newland Ct., El Paso 79907.

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SEPTEMBER 25-26

AUSTIN COIN CLUB, annual Money Mart, Quality Inn South. **WRITE**: Club, Box 1225, Austin 78767.

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OCTOBER 16-17

AMARILLO COIN CLUB Show, Civic Center. **BOURSE**: Nela Runkle, 4304 Jennie, Amarillo 79106. 806/355-1702.

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TEXAS District Meetings

DISTRICT I —

Billy Masters was elected president of **Stephenville Coin Club** and others serving are Jimmy Webb, vice president; Lorene Randals, secretary; Mary Miller, treasurer; and Richard Cook, program chairman. Directors are Buddy Randals, Evan Gale, Bobby Blanton and Charles Collier.

Morris Johnson
Governor

Phil Davis acted as auctioneer at the June meeting and Amy Wood was junior runner.- Joe Stem, Sec.

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Thirty eight members and three guests attended the June meeting of **Fort Worth Coin Club** when Joe Ronnelli gave a program on the history of gold and silver.

Plans were made for a watermelon party at the July meeting and a project committee was appointed to study ways to help promote the club membership. After refreshments, an auction was held - **Morris L. Johnson, Gov. Dist.I.**

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DISTRICT IV —

Dr. Robert E. Greenwood displayed his best in show award which he won at the TNA convention and described the contents of the exhibit at the June meeting of **Austin Coin Club**.

Robert E. Greenwood
Governor

The annual coin show will be held Sept. 25-26 at Quality Inn South in Austin and reservations should be made now for bourse tables and lodging. The semi-annual TNA board meeting will take place during the show. All TNA officers are urged to attend.

Members voted to again sponsor the TNA Club Salute awards for 1982 to be presented in 1983 at the TNA

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Corpus Christi convention. — **Lyman C. Bartee, Sec.**

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DISTRICT V—

Barney Welch
Governor

Dallas Coin Club members celebrated the club's 54th anniversary during the regular meeting in May. Former club presidents attending were C.C. Andrews, Wm. Crowder, Hap Goodman and Victor Toogood. Members traveling the farthest to attend were Mr. and Mrs. Fred Brooks of McAllen.

President Clinkinbeard announced that the club wooden nickels are available to members at ten cents each and then later will be sold through the numismatic press. The wooden money features the club's emblem, Confederate half dollar reverse, and an announcement of the annual coin show in July.

During the June meeting, Robert Johnson conducted a show and tell with members describing their most interesting finds in circulation.

The Club has donated 16 books to the Dallas Public Library during 1982 and a donation to the American Heart Association was made in memory of Nathan Lacher. Frank Clark reported on the TNA convention and a report was made by C.C. Andrews on the July show. New members include Kathleen Theurer and Wilson B. Korona. — **Frank Clark, Sec.**

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Col. Charles A. Wingo gave a program on "National Bank Notes" which were authorized in 1863 and used until 1935 at the June meeting of **Garland Coin Club**. Wingo said that a few years ago he decided to collect bank notes from each town in Texas that issued national notes. For the program he narrowed the subject to the first seven Texas cities issuing notes: Galveston, Houston, San Antonio, Jefferson, Denison, Austin and Dallas.

James Bonds won the door prize and C.C. Andrews conducted the auction. — **Lucretia Johnson, Sec.**

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The June edition of the N.I. Bulletin, sponsored by **Numismatics International** of Dallas is now available.

Featured articles are by David Block, Jayant J. Ruparel, Walter Bergin and others. To obtain a copy write: NI, Box 30013, Dallas, Texas 75230.

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DISTRICT VI—

Al Loja
Governor

Attendance at the May **Greater Houston Coin Club** meeting was up considerably and interest shown according to the club bullletin.

Plans were made to host a family picnic in June. Program for the next meeting was to focus on basic coin collecting. A panel was to answer questions on topics such as grading, history and currency.

DISTRICT VII—

Frank Galindo
Governor

Lee Grossman gave a program entitled, "In the Right Place at the Right Time", at the June 10 meeting of **Alamo Coin Club** of San Antonio. Lee told about the Paphlagonian, Michael— a story of intrigue, murder, and violence in the early 11th Century of the Byzantine Empire.

At the June 24 meeting, a mini action was held.—**Club Bulletin**.

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A dutch auction was planned for the July 15 meeting of **Gateway Coin Club** followed by a show and tell. Members were to speak about and display their other interests.

Lee Grossman was the speaker at the July 1 meeting and his subject selected was, "Basil II & Constantine VII — As Different As Day and Night."

On July 18, a picnic was planned near Salado Creek at Fort Sam Houston.—**Club Bulletin**.

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DISTRICT VIII—

Joe B Davis
Governor

The annual fall show hosted by **Liberty Coin Club** of Corpus Christi is set for Oct. 16-17 in Exposition Hall. John Allen is show chairman and Carl Lobell is in charge of bourse. For more information write the club, Box 7001, Corpus Christi 78415

John Allen gave a program at the June 8 meeting on, "Reaping Profits From the Collector Investor Conflict" He recommended the 20th Century type set but to concentrate on the top coins or at least semi-keys in at least very fine or better condition

Planned for June 22 was a games night' and on July 6, a program on "Paper Currency" by Alonzo Perez, and July 20, a program on the Carson City mint by John Muha

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A 'show and tell' was arranged by Floyd Beineik, program chairman, for the June 15 meeting of **Corpus Christi Coin Club**. Beineik displayed a Polish medal presented to him for his work with the Polish Relief Fund Drive. The medal featured Pope John Paul II John Face spoke on the double dated cent and an article sent him by Coin World on the subject He gave each one a sample of the coin. Joe B. Davis displayed his 10-cent collection and Glen Littrell exhibited his 1889 Morgan 'Paddle' coin. Ouida Davis told about discovering her first 1916 D dime which led to her becoming a collector.

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DISTRICT IX—

D O Joplin
Governor

The Civic Center in Lubbock has been booked for the annual coin show sponsored by **South Plains Coin Club** for Mar. 19-20, 1983 Members voted to purchase gold coins now for the 1984 show

Reports on the TNA convention were given by D. O. Joplin and Joy Chauncey. A discussion was held on a bid to host a TNA convention in the future.

Kurt McInaney gave a program on the Buffalo nickel and Greg Cotholm was added as a new member. Thirty-five attended the meeting.—**D.O. Joplin, Gov. Dist. 9**

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F. L. Pitzer and D.O. Joplin reported on the TNA convention and board meeting at the June meeting of **Levelland Coin Club**.

Four attended the session with Roger Fuller as a guest.— **D.O. Joplin, Gov. Dist. 9**

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DISTRICT X—

Walt Woelper
Governor

On Nov. 5, 6, 7, members of **Spanish Trail Collector's Club** will host the annual coin, bank-note and stamp show in El Paso at Mid City Holiday Inn.

For table applications write the show chairman, Frank Fox, 8108 Newland Ct., El Paso 79907, or phone 915-598-9186 after 6 p.m.

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DISTRICT XI—

Nela Runkle
Governor

Members of **Amarillo Coin Club** met June 7 and it was voted to renew the scholarship to Amarillo College and subscriptions of Coin World for schools, libraries and perhaps, the Senior Citizen's Association.

Homer Dotts gave a program on 'Trade Dollars With & Without Chops'. Homer displayed some trade dollars with and without chop marks.

Derek Wood won the Junior Quiz and door prize winners were Paula White, Curtis Maple, Nela Runkle, Ernest Cummings and Dr. Wm. W. Stout.—**Nela Runkle, Gov. Dist. 11**

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DISTRICT XII -

Augusta Folda
Governor

Rose City Coin Club of Tyler will host a coin show on Sept. 18-19 at Harvey Hall. This will be the third annual show for the club. For more information, contact T.J. Bennington, Box 4900 Dept. 1026, Tyler 75712.

Fourteen members attended the June 10 meeting. The coin show was discussed and a brief auction was held highlighted by the sale of an 1867 Shield nickel in uncirculated condition for $400. - **T.J. Bennington, Pres.**

DISTRICT XIII -

Thomas Eggleston talked on "Collecting Greek Stamps" at the June meeting of **Wichita Falls Coin & Stamp Club**. Eggleston noted that collecting Greek is just like collecting U.S. Every area of American stamps that collectors go into one can get also in Greece. Greek stamps started in 1861 but have no coil or booklet stamps.

Mini exhibit winners were: stamp exhibit, Eggleston's "Greek Stamps." Coin exhibit, Gary Salazar's "Sequence of Two Dollar Bills." Mini exhibit night is held bimonthly throughout the year. For the November meeting all winners will be asked to return with their exhibit. From these will be chosen the "best" stamp and coin exhibits of the year. Appropriate awards are made at the December dinner/meeting.

Refreshments were served by hostess Pauline Copelin and John VanDunk conducted the auction. - **Rebecca Pemberton**, Sec.

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DISTRICT XV —

The regular meeting of **Greater Orange Coin Club** was held June 7 and three new members were welcomed: Mary Mires, and James and Marie Casey.

Jerry A. Williams
Governor

Dewey Scott gave a program on "Hobo" nickels. He explained that they originated during depression time when hobos were riding trains and had time on their hands. They kept busy by making designs on Buffalo nickels. The hobos used imagination and changed the appearance of the Indian profile to that of a hobo type character. They originally sold for 35 cents each.

Winning door prizes were Doug Hales, John Goddard, Lucy Canter, Marie Casey. Seventeen members were present. — **Lucy Canter**, Sec.

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Carol Mounier was named general chairman for the 23rd annual coin show on Sept. 11-12 sponsored by **Beaumont Coin Club**. The show will be held at Beaumont Civic Center, 701 Main St.

Assisting are: Jerry Williams, bourse; Pat Mounier, publicity; Bill Stein, registration; and "Buck" Dowden, exhibits. For further details contact Carol Mounier, Box 428, China 77613 or phone 713/752-5030.

Ten members attended the May meeting when George May gave a program on "Grading Mercury Dimes." He said the Mercury dime was minted from 1916 through 1945, with the exception of 1922, 1932 and 1933. The high points on the obverse are the hair along the face, front of the ear, and the feathers. On the reverse, the high point is the bundle of sticks.

Door prize winners were Ray Beck, Naomi Beck, Joseph Scott, George May and Carol Mounier. — **Club Bulletin**.

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Members at a recent general meeting of **Greater Port Arthur Coin Club** discussed plans which focused on improving the advertising and publicity for the next coin show. Although a definite date has not been determined the show will be held in March 1983.

Glen Dowden presented a program

entitled "Washington Quarters." He included the history and grading of the series. Glen passed out for viewing, examples of each different grade according to the official ANA standards.

Door prize winners were Dowden, John Brown Jr., Jim Eldridge, Lisa Stein and John Gleason. — **William H. Stein, Sec.**

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NEIGHBOR CLUBS —

The **TEX Coin Club** report on the Temple coin show May 29-30 was just one word - "success." Twenty eight dealers from Texas, Oklahoma and Louisiana attended and 442 persons registered. Nineteen signed up to start a new club in Temple.

All names of persons desiring to organize clubs in Galveston and Temple have been turned over to TNA officers for further development. A coin show was also held in May in Galveston. A show is scheduled for April 9-10 in Midland. For more information contact E.L. "Bob" Bills, TEX Coin Club secretary, Box 4, Pontotoc 76869. Telephone 915/251-2031.

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The Albuquerque, N.M. Convention Center has been selected as site for the Sept. 10-12 coin show sponsored by the **New Mexico Coin Dealer's Assn.** This is the third show for the group.

Paul C. Lisle is bourse chairman and applications may be obtained by writing to him at Box 3622, Albuquerque, N.M. 87109 or phone 505/884-3122, day, 296-1753, night.

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The June meeting of **Shreveport, La. Coin Club** featured an ANA slide set on gold type coins presented by G.H. Brooks, president.

The bourse chairman reported 30 tables reserved for the August Ark-La-Tex Coin Exposition despite conflict with other area shows. Fifty to 60 tables are available.

Gary S. Albright was presented a $250 scholarship from the club which is the first one to be given. Gary, a 4.0 student at Haughton High School, thanked the club and encouraged members to continue the program.

More information on the club and the show can be obtained by writing SCC, Box 492, Shreveport, La. 71162.

EVENTS CALENDAR —

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OCTOBER 16-17

LIBERTY COIN CLUB, annual show, Exposition Hall, Corpus Christi. **WRITE:** Club, Box 7001, Corpus Christi 78415.

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NOVEMBER 12-14

NUMISMATICS INTERNATIONAL COIN EXPOSITION, Dunfey Dallas Hotel. Sponsored by NI, IBNS, SAN. **WRITE:** Charles Muchmore Jr., Box 6094, Richardson 75080.

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FUTURE TNA CONVENTIONS

1983 - April 14-16, **TEXAS NUMISMATIC ASSN. CONVENTION**, Corpus Christi. Billy Tate, General Chairman. **BOURSE:** John Face, Box 8593, Corpus Christi 78412.

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1984 - May 4-6, **TEXAS NUMISMATIC ASSN. CONVENTION**, Amarillo.

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1985 - April 16-20, **TEXAS NUMISMATIC ASSN. CONVENTION**, El Paso.

MORE GOLD USED IN COINS IN 1981

During 1981, the number of nations issuing gold coins increased from 57 in 1980 to 70 in 1981, and the amount of gold used in gold coinages increased from 6.1 million troy ounces in 1980 to 7.9 million in 1981, according to The Gold Institute's annual publication "Modern Gold Coinage - 1981."

Since the Gold Institute started working with nations in an effort to expand the international understanding of the economic benefits to be derived from the minting of gold money, the number of troy ounces of pure gold used in the minting of gold coins - in addition to the South African Krugerrands - has grown from 793,531 troy ounces in 1977 to 2.6 million troy ounces in 1980, and 4.4 million troy ounces in 1981.

Twelve nations issued gold coins to celebrate the Royal Wedding of Prince Charles and Lady Diana, making it the most popular coinage theme. Among the most popular of the gold coins issued in 1981, were Mexico's "Onza" coins.

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